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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: May I know whether at least in future any policy would be evolved which would eliminate this heart-burning among the doctors in the matter of transfers, namely, that people are retained in Madras for a long time or that they are suddenly transferred to the mofussil?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Whatever we might do, still there will be heart-burning among some people. There is no way of stopping that sort of heart-burning.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: சில பெண் டாக்டர்களும் ராஜினாமா செய்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று இந்தப் பட்டியலிலிருந்து தெரிகிறது. கல்யாணம் செய்துகொண்டதன் காரணமாக அவர்களில் யாராவது ராஜினாமா செய்துவிட்டார்களா?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: அந்த மாதிரியும் உண்டு. (சிரிப்பு) யார் என்று கேட்டால் பதில் சொல்ல இப்போது தகவல் இல்லை.

Handloom Week Celebrations.

* 84 (*S.N.*) Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the dates for Handloom Week Celebrations during this year have been changed; and

(*b*) if so, whether it has been done with the consent of this Government?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) This Government was not consulted in the matter.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Previously the Handloom Week Celebrations were held in the month of February and in view of the appeals made by the people of Tamil Nad, it was decided to have them in the first week of January and Government agreed to this. Why should Government change it? In the future at least will the Hon. Minister make it sure that it will be celebrated in the first week of January?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The change in the date has proved a blessing to the weavers in the Madras State because they got the rebate not only during the Pongal season but during the Handloom Week Celebrations also.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will it not be more convenient for the people to make the purchases before the Pongal? The sales will be more if the celebrations are held before Pongal.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The purpose of having the Handloom Week celebrated is to give a greater rebate to the purchaser so that he may be able to purchase more. The Government of Madras have made it a policy to encourage sales by granting these rebates. Whether the purchase is made during the Pongal season or during the Handloom Week Celebrations does not matter when people make their purchases.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is it not a fact that a larger number of varieties will be available during the Handloom Week and not during Pongal season and could not the Week be celebrated before Pongal?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I do not agree with the hon. Member that greater number of varieties are available during the Handloom Week. On the other hand, varieties are available during seasons when the handlooms sell well in the State.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : The Handloom Week Celebrations or the Mela conducted by the Co-operative Society with dancing and singing and all other features—is that the Handloom Week Celebration?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is exactly the same. I am glad to find that the hon. Member has been attracted to that place by the dancing and the singing.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether the amount spent on the celebration of the Handloom Week really served the purpose, apart from the large crowd which it attracted more by the singing and the dancing and very little by the speeches of which I am sure, and whether the celebrations and the Mela served the purpose of pushing up the sales of handloom cloth.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I am happy to inform the hon. Member that on a sum of Rs. 12,000 spent in the whole of the State for these celebrations, sales have been effected to the tune of a crore and twenty lakhs of rupees.

Distribution of Prasadams

*85 Q.—DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Government from a Deputy Minister of the Government of India as to the manner in which "Prasadams" were given in the Hindu Temples at Tiruchendur and Kanyakumari; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The Minister for Home received a note from the Union Deputy Minister for Railways.

(b) The Home Minister has written to the Deputy Minister explaining the position.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware that in the Tiruchendur and Kanyakumari temples invidious distinctions between castes and castes among the devotees are made by the priests?